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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC JULY 13, 1973 FROM
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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: ALLEGED PRC HEROIN IN GVN BURNING CEREMONY

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1. BELIEVE EMBASSY HAS IDENTIFIED QUOTE OFFICIAL UNQUOTE WHO
GAVE UPI STRINGER INFORMATION THAT SOME OF HEROIN BURNED AT
PUBLIC CEREMONY JULY 4 ORIGINATED IN PRC. HE IS A LOW LEVEL
VIETNAMESE CUSTOMS EMPLOYEE. EMBASSY UNABLE TRACE SOURCE
OF STORY ALLEGING BAGS HAD PRC WRITTEN ON THEM. DEA OFFICERS
CLAIM BAGS WHICH ARE MARKED OFTEN BEAR CHINESE CHARACTERS OR
MARKINGS. HOWEVER, BAGS HAVE NEVER BORNE LABELS OR MARKINGS
INDICATING PRODUCT ORIGINATED IN PRC.

2. WE ARE CALLING GVN AGENT'S ERRONEOUS IDENTIFICATION OF
EMBLEM ON BAGS (TWO LIONS AND A GLOBE) TO ATTENTION OF VIETNAMESE
CUSTOMS, NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU AND GVN PRESS OFFICER.
SUSPECT CUSTOMS EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT WAS NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED
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AS GVN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE

CHARGES OF PRC ENGAGING IN HEROIN TRAFFIC.
APPLING UNQUOTE RUSH

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